



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6664***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS,  
RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2       section:

3       (1) "Soda water" means a beverage that is made by charging potable  
4       water with carbon dioxide and adding natural or artificial sweeteners.

5       (2) "Water ice" means a frozen dessert made of water, sugar and  
6       flavoring.

7       (3) "Candy" means any food item containing more than forty per  
8       cent added sugar by weight.

9       (b) No local or regional board of education shall allow the sale of the  
10      following items to students on school premises until after regular  
11      school hours:

12      (1) Chewing gum;

13      (2) Candy;

14      (3) Soda water;

15      (4) Water ice;

16 (5) Coffee;

17 (6) Tea;

18 (7) Any juice product that contains less than ten per cent full-  
19 strength juice by volume; or

20 (8) Any item that contains more than eight grams of fat except nuts,  
21 peanut butter, cheese, ice cream, butter, margarine and salad dressing.

22 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
23 Department of Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
24 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, for purposes  
25 of this section.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Each local and regional board of  
27 education shall ensure that (1) each child, in the schools under its  
28 jurisdiction, be provided with an opportunity for a lunch break that is  
29 a minimum of twenty minutes every school day, and (2) each child in  
30 grades kindergarten to five, inclusive, in the schools under its  
31 jurisdiction, has the opportunity for physical activity for a minimum of  
32 twenty minutes every school day or a minimum of one hundred  
33 minutes every week, except that the planning and placement team  
34 may develop a different schedule for a child requiring special  
35 education and related services in accordance with chapter 164 of the  
36 general statutes and the Individual With Disabilities Education Act, 20  
37 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**ED** Joint Favorable Subst.